(c) if so, what remedial steps have been taken to save the l'ves °* tribal people in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No/Sir.

(b) Does no* arise.

(c) A programme to eradicate guinea-worm diease is in operation in the guinea-worm endemic States including' Rajasthan. Control .activities whicii include management of the giu'neaworm cases and render, ing of unsafe water safe for human consumption, are implemented through tho effected Primary Health Centres.

Shortage *of* pilots m Indian Airlines

366. SHRl MUKHTIAR SINGH' MALIK:
SHRJ., SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT 'be please,! to state:

(a) whether Goverflrnent's .attention has been- drawn to.tbe news item,which appeared, in the, Telegraph' of 17 th June, 1986 wherein it had been stated that there waj shortage 0f pilots jn the Indian Airlines;

.(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it has affected the function ing of the Indian Airlines; and

(d) what remedial measures Govern ment propose to take to meet the shortage of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE I DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Shy However, the press report is not based on facts. There is at present no shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines^

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Acquisition of supersonic cununerciju Jet "Concorde" on Lease

367. SHRi MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

WUl the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to acquire the supersonic commercial jet "Concorde" on Jease for operation on the Dalhi London-Delhi route;

(b) if so, the number of such aircrafts which are likely to be acquired and the terms for acquiring them; and

(c) by when these jets are likeiy te be acquired?

-THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATIOl (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) to (c Air-India _n have, no plans to obtai: "Concorde" aircraft on lease at present.

Filling up of the posts of Hindi Stenographers/clerks

368. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALICK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT ! pleased to state:

(a) the number of Posts of Hin Stenographers! clerks lying vacant in ti Indian Airlines and Air India, separatel

.(b) since when these posts have be< lying, vacant and what are the reaso therefor; and

(ej ,by ,when these posts are likely be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TI DEPARTMENT OF CIVJL AVIATK (SHRl' JAGDISH TYTLER); <aJ , Indian Airlines no posts of Hindi Sten

graphersjclerks are lying vacant in Air Jndia there is no post of Hindi Stenographer. No posts of Hindi clerks are Iying vacant.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Committee to finalize 'Core Content' of the freedom movement

369. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUM-DER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased o state:

(a) whether a Committee was set up 0 finalise the 'core content' of the free-lom movement which is likely to be made 1compulsory subject in the 'schools;

(b) whether the committee has since ubmitted its report; and

(c) if so, what are the broad features f the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (EPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA AHI); (a) A working Group was set-*p* to lay down policy guidelines for raded introduction of history of the idian freedom movement at various vels of school education and to suggest a odel syllabi for study of this subject.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Working Group has recom-ended a general framework and guide-ies for the syllabus in the history of ; Indian freedom movement for various iges of school education. It has recom-:nded the' inclusion of this component the syllabi in the subject areas of cial Studies. History. Civics and Politi- Science, Economics, and Languages. recommendations cover other related «cts such as preparation of teaching terials. orientation programmes for chers etc.

Issue of tickets in DTC bases

370. SHRl VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that while the public transport system in the country is governed by the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, Delhi is the only metropo'i-tan city where tickets are issued to the commuters by the conductor while sitting in a seat provided in the bus much *to* the inconvenience of the passengers besides creating confusion and providing opportunity to the eve-teasers and pickpockets;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the deviation from the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act;

(c) whethe$_r$ in view of the experience igained, Government propose to review the entire system to make it more workable; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS PORT (SHRI RAIESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Th$_e$ Motor Vehicles Act land the Rules framed thereunder do not specifically prohibt providing of seat for conductor. Keeping in view the special nature of commuter-traffic particularly at peak-hours and resultant paucity of moving space, the system of seating the conductor $_a$t the entrance gate has been operative in DTC tO ensure purchase of tickets by every pas-senger.

(c) $_a$nd (d) The system has already been modified to certain extent. In order to ease crowiding near the conductor, passage from the non-ticketed compartment to the ticketed compartment has been widened by removing the last seat for 3 passenger$_s$. in the ,o\v in front of the conductor. This modification has improved the movement of passengers in the bus. Besides, there are standing instructions that the buses would be prebooked either by the Advance Rookers $_{or}$ the bus conductors befor$_e$ ^{n}e bus, starts from the originating point.